



**Ofsted:** our recent Ofsted inspection with the upgrading to Good now means we are able to take children who are in receipt of the 'Golden Ticket' if you know anyone who may be eligible for this or who has mentioned it to you in the past please pass on the message that we are now able to take these children again. If they are unsure if they are eligible please speak to a member of staff.

**This term's theme:** we continue with 'People who helps us' and the children recently enjoyed a visit from Rachel who talked about how a Doctor helps us, this has now been reflected in their doctor role play. Will Burke came and spoke about his role as a post person and we have enjoyed visits to the Fire Station facilitated by Hannah. We will be doing lots of planting and looking at growth and changes over the summer term; if anyone has any spare plants at home they are always well received; many thanks to those who have already donated plants.

**Site access:** this continues to be problematic; we have now moved the padlock at the Sports Club end of the site to the taller gate and installed a labelled doorbell outside of this gate. Whilst you will not hear this doorbell ring we now have four ringers in the building to make sure someone hears it. In discussion with the school if you are attending a school event within the day or needing to collect a child from school please use the front main entrance as all other entrances are kept locked for your children's security.

**Sun cream and hats:** we are able to apply sun cream throughout the day but it is easier if the weather is good if your child arrives with the first application on. We have a set of sunhats here that all children are encouraged to use, if you send in your own please make sure it is clearly labelled.

**St John's Fair:** 25<sup>th</sup> June sees the annual fair, we will be taking part in the parade as usual, precise details to follow when we know more. This year's theme is Rio/Olympics; we will be tying this in with our Sports Day. Could you please dress your child in red, white and blue sports clothes (t shirts/shorts). Further details of parade etc to follow when we know more. We are also having a stall for the raffle and setting promotion. Please keep an eye out for our donations

list for the Hamper prizes that have proved so popular in the past and helped raise funds for pre-school.

**Food and drink:** We have a no chocolate policy in the setting. This applies to breakfast cereal and holiday club packed lunches. It has been proven through research that children's speech may be delayed by using sports top bottles, therefore as a setting we encourage children from straight sided cups, any drinks sent in for lunchtime will be decanted into cups at the table. Fresh water is available for all children to access throughout the rest of the day.

**Headlice:** well done everybody there have been huge improvements made, however please continue to check your child's hair regularly. If you are having any problems please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to support you with this.

**Fund raising:** with this newsletter you will get a recycle envelope for your ink jet cartridges, we are also able to recycle old mobile phones if you have any spare. [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is also a simple painless way of boosting funds, just remember to log in to this site when doing online shopping and many retailers will then pay us a percentage for you shopping with them.

**Barnardo's Big Toddle:** we will be taking part in the Big Toddle this year raising funds for Barnardo's. It is animal themed and we will be going on a safari hunt around the village looking for animals! We will be starting at 10 a.m and walking to the 'top' park for snack, searching for animals around the village and finishing with a picnic in the parish hall park at 12. All parent/carers are welcome to join us for any or all of this.

**Shoe Bank:** we have a selection of shoes available, in good condition, that have been donated to pre-school, donations for these to be made to pre-school. Please ask a member of staff to view (or donate any more shoes).

**Self Help Day:** we have several outstanding projects remaining from our move to the new premises that will improve our outside space. On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May we are having a self-help day to try to complete some of these; siting and erection of the play shed for optional role play that was always really popular and beneficial previously. Relocation of storage shed, from current situation to far end of site to enable dry storage of ride on toys. If you would like to volunteer on this day please speak to a member of staff. Tea, coffee and cake will be supplied.

**Diary Dates:**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**- Save the Children Den Building day

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Barnardo's Big Toddle

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – St Johns Fair

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**- Committee meeting

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Family Fun Day/Teddy Bears  
Picnic organised by Chulmleigh Learning Community  
early Years settings, 11.30-3 pm Lapford Pre School  
(Primary School site)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Fashion Show- Parish Hall- tickets  
available soon

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**- Sports Day 10.30-12 in the sports  
field followed by a picnic lunch, please stay and eat  
with your child

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July**- Witheridge Childcare@The Hive  
Open Day- 10-12 Opportunity for you/grandparents  
etc to see what your children do during a session at  
pre-school.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**- Concept Photography – opportunity  
for family portrait photographs. 4-7pm at the setting  
posters with further information to follow

**End of term trip**- 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Leaver's Presentation** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 11 a.m

**Summer holiday Club**- Mon-Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

£15 for up to 5 hours minimum booking 3hrs

£25 for over 5 hours

**Autumn Term 2016**- 5<sup>th</sup> September –16<sup>th</sup> December

Half term 24<sup>th</sup> October-28<sup>th</sup> October

Spring Term 2017- 4<sup>th</sup> January –March 31<sup>st</sup>

Half term 13<sup>th</sup> Feb-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Summer Term- 19<sup>th</sup> April-21<sup>st</sup> July

Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Non Pupil Days**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> April

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> July Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> July. Weds. 26<sup>th</sup> July

## Summer Holiday Club schedule

Day and date	Activity
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Craft
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Den building, gathering resources around field and building
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Den building, gathering resources around field and building
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Commando challenge
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Cooking
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Trip (Knightshayes/Westexe Park)
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Bicycle obstacle course
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Cooking
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> August	River Walk
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Science
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Commando challenge
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Science
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> August	River walk
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Outdoor cooking
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Water play
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Science
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Craft
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Olympic challenge
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Trip (Knightshayes/Westexe Park)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Den building
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Cooking
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	River walk
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Craft
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Commando challenge
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> August	It's a knockout
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Bank Holiday
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Bike obstacle course
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Den building
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Cooking
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Celebration/water play